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Philip George Ellis

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METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

Group Art Unit: 3725

Examiner: D. CRANE

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REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND  
AND RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

**Request for three-month extension of time** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Request for reconsideration** begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Arguments/Remarks** begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including new **Fig. 5** is attached following page 11 of this paper.

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**Request for Three-Month Extension of Time to Respond:**

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2003, with respect to the above-captioned patent application, up to and including October 22, 2003. Please charge the \$950 large entity fee for a three-month extension of time, and any other fees associated with this responsive amendment, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-4377.